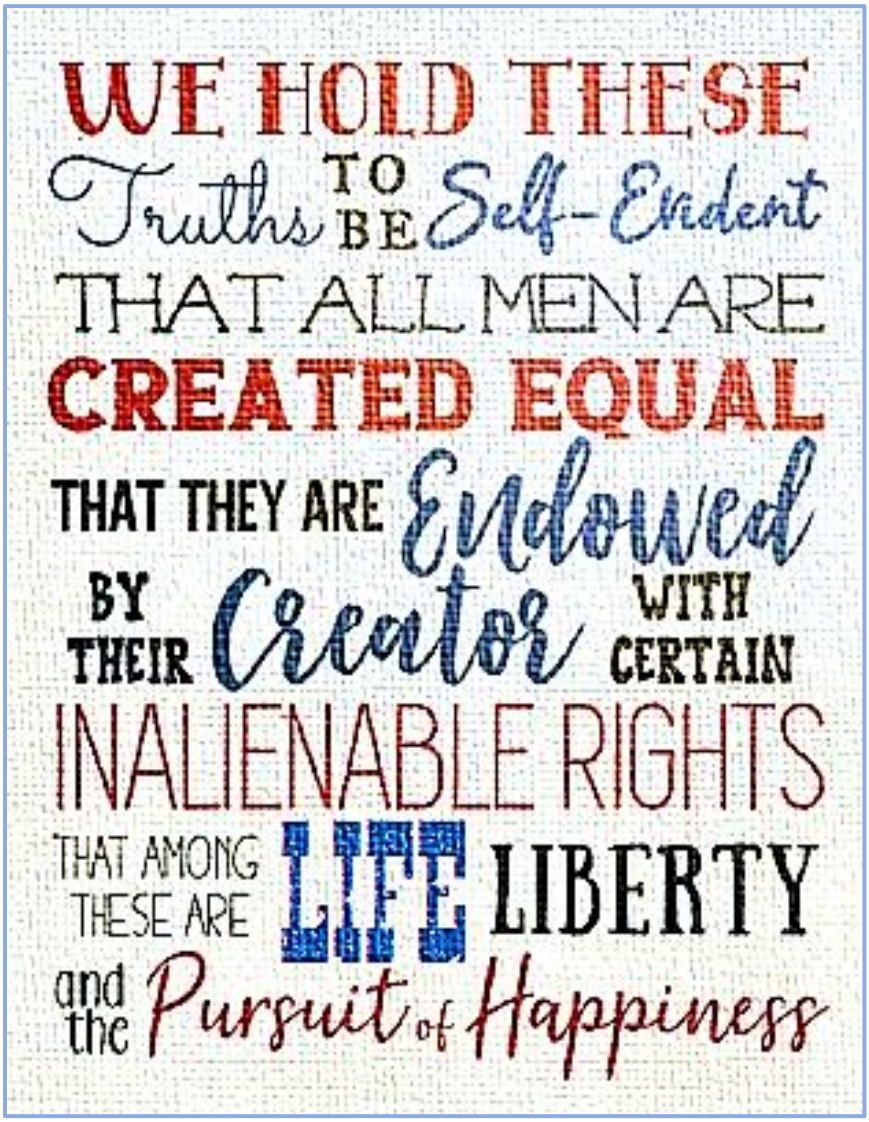
"How blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen to be his special possession."
—Psalm 33:12 (NET)



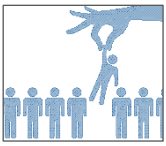
Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
Sunday, July 3rd, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Third Day of July, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.



As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we begin to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which became a major issue of contention in the 5th Century AD.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"God of our Fathers"* (#547, v. 1).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* (#548).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 24:1-4.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* (#552).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"* (#553).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO LIFE."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Are You Washed in the Blood?"* (#330).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*

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Week of July 26-July 2

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—13
Midweek Prayer—4; Church Offering: $314.00
Family Movie Night (6/25)—8

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

Prov. 16:18: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." We continue our studies in Daniel chapter 4.

Today's Verse for Reflection:

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."
—John 8:36 (KJV)

Our Church Picnic is TODAY, directly after Morning Worship! Please stay and enjoy the fellowship!

On August 1-5, from 3:30 PM-5:00 PM we will be hosting our Vacation Bible School Program, *"Camp Turn Around 2022"* with the help of the CEF volunteers. Invitations and registration forms are available in the vestibule, and can also be accessed via our Facebook Account, which will direct interested parties to an online PDF form on Internet Archive. Our Bible School is for ages Preschool to 5th Grade. Please be PRAYING and INVITING! Your donations to CEF can mailed to Child Evangelism Fellowship, P.O. Box 403, Indiana, PA, 15701

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

THIS IS THE PRICE THEY PAID

From the Website of Michael W. Smith

https://michaelwsmith.com/the-sacrifices-made-by-the-declaration-signers/

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the revolutionary army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the revolutionary war. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Ruttledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: *"For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."*